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The District Census.

Every household, in the District will be asked next Wednesday to co-operate with the authorities in the taking of a new and complete census of the District. The success of this enterprise rests entirely with the citizens. The police will do their work thoroughly, but they cannot return full statements unless willing and accurate replies are made to the questions set down in their blanks.

Commissioner Macfarland sets forth the two chief objects of this District census in this form:

First, it is expected to be an accurate basis for the District's vital statistics.

Second, it is expected to provide accurate information on which the authorities can base their consideration of the proposed compulsory education law.

Both of these objects are of extreme importance.

As is well known, the tuberculosis death rate for Washington is abnormally large. This death rate is calculated, of course, on the only statistics available—the national census taken five years ago. Mr. Macfarland thinks the growth of the city meanwhile has been enough to reduce that death rate materially; and if that could be accomplished it would do much to relieve Washington of the greatest discredit which now rests upon it. Whether that proves true or not, it is ground enough for this census that the community's vital statistics must be kept as nearly accurate as possible.

As for the compulsory education law, this census decides the whole question of the need for it. If the number of children out of school is large, some such law is manifestly necessary. If it is small, other means than a general law may be found sufficient.

The people of Washington are not usually supersensitive. It is certain they are not unbending. In the first matter, all ground for resentment as to age has been removed by asking only how many residents in each house are over twenty-one years. The other questions are all matter-of-fact. So there is not even a remote reason why the community should refuse the authorities their most generous cooperation.

Political Typhoons.

For sudden political changes, from the smiling summer skies of apparent tranquility to the frowning, overcast aspect of factional antagonism, there is nothing like one of New York's political typhoons. It comes out of a clear sky and breaks without warning. It has been gathering force somewhere, to be sure, but without notice to the political mariners fixing their nets so confidently in their own little coves and inlets. When it comes, it's every man for himself.

This is about the condition of affairs in New York State now, according to the reports of the Platt-Black rapprochement. It's a stupid leader who can't prognosticate the situation in time to make up to an old enemy when he needs that man's aid to help him out of a tight place. It may be, however, that the other fellow does not take to the proposition as kindly as the leader desires. Then comes the chance for the fine work, and that's where New York's famous "Easy Boss," the Honorable Thomas Collier Platt, always gets in a few choice selections from his intricate maze of twirly-whirly, frisky-disky, tumble-and-roll criss-crosses.

If there is any man of prominence in the party in the Empire State who has had a greater share of disappointments in the handling out of the real big, juicy plums it is the Honorable Frank S. Black. He became governor on Platt's support in 1896, but that was the end of his good luck—at least so far. The Roosevelt candidacy compelled Black to stand aside. The latter could not see with the prophetic eye of Platt, and did not become reconciled to the leader's decision. If he expected greater success in the following years, through an alliance with the opposition, he was grievously mistaken, for Odell and his side-partner, Harriman, found it impossible to deliver to him Depew's Senatorial toga when they found themselves face to face with the "Easy Boss" buck-wheat cake agreement.

Now Mr. Black is back to his first moorings. He has been tossed about "right smart" in his effort to find a safe harbor and refuge. He is at last convinced that the "Easy Boss" is his best friend, and that his political future lies in the hands of his dear, good friend from Tioga county. Brer Black is tired of the political nightmares which have been his lot since he broke with Platt, and

looks now for one of those sweet dreams which come true through the wizard's wonderful magnetic galvanizing process.

But if Black comes to life again as Platt's nearest friend, what is the outlook for that genial mariner, Timothy L. Woodruff, of pink waistcoat fame?

Something Doing.

Our sympathies go out to President Harper, of the Chicago University, our midriff of compassion is moved at his unlucky plight, and our heart yearns for him in his distress. The University of Chicago, which is unbounded save by Lake Michigan and the sea of Standard Oil, embraces in its curriculum all the sciences, known and unknown—and co-education.

Now, President Harper is no mere theorist; he is only a man of affairs. His scheme of philosophy does not cramp his springs of action; he is of those who think, as well as do. What he thinks strongly, that he does strenuously.

He has reasoned with force and clearness about co-education, and he has said:

"Go to, now! we will have co-education. And by the Aegis of Minerva! we will have segregation also."

And the evening and the morning were the first day.

But, behold the female students do not always have the fear of President Harper before their eyes. Here is a bit of news that scorched the wires as it came:

Fifteen pretty girl students of the University of Chicago are plotting to encourage matrimony among the 4,000 students of the Midway School. A prize of a complete set of household furniture is offered by the energetic girls managing the "Midway" for the student couple that will consent to be married on the day of the exhibition, April 14.

Just think of it! Not the men plotting, for men sometimes fail; but fifteen girls, all blooming with youth and beauty, determined to have a wedding! Bless their lovely souls! What won't they do even to assist at such a joyful function! The voice of the nation will swear, by the still living deities—Venus, Cupid, and Hymen—that President Harper has met his Waterloo this time.

Nor should it be forgotten that the news refers to the "Midway School" and a "Pike show."

Shade of Priscilla and ghost of Prue! What, O, what are we coming to?

Senator Mitchell will be arraigned this week for land frauds. Rogestvenky's conviction as a sea fraud is expected to follow soon afterward.

There is now a dispute as to who shall sell Mrs. Chadwick's real estate. No one denies, however, that Cassie herself would be the best one to dispose of the unreal.

The Democrats are predicting Folk and Dunne as the next national nominees of the party, but the common folk have been too often by Democratic forecasts to bet on it.

Jackson City is to be the center of factories—so they say. At last somebody from Washington may make something over there.

The bids submitted to the Navy Department for furnishing wireless telegraph instruments cover a wide range. Those gentry who manipulate the political wires have the cost figured more accurately—5 per cent of your salary.

Secretary Hay is at Nervi, and nervy tourists are about to undermine his health still more by their constant visits to him.

The announcement that Uncle Sam has a large supply of gold on hand is not remarkable. While the races are on any old uncle gets a big lot of it.

It is to be hoped that the Czarevitch will be more formidable in showing his two new teeth than his father has been in displaying his thirty-two.

If they keep on finding "beneficial germs" the man who has typhoid fever will be almost as much of a hero as a mounted policeman or a Panama Canal Commissioner.

Although it is claimed that New York gas costs in reality only 35 cents, Mr. Addicks will keep his high enough to make another fight for the reduction of Delaware's representation in the Senate.

After the newspapers have elected each member of the Cabinet President in rapid succession, the people will turn out and elect the man they want.

The Virginia political fight is described as "getting hotter each succeeding day," from which we may infer a failure of the Anti-Saloon League to keep the fire-water out of the mix-up.

Robbers broke into William Dean Howells' house last Saturday, but left his manuscripts untouched. Magazines will please refuse to consider this an indication of the popular estimate of William.

Dowle will take Zion City to Australia. He evidently appreciates the fact that tropical climes temper the wind to the shorn lamb.

Since so many army officers are being sued for divorces, they've stopped humming that foolishness about a soldier having a sweetheart in every fort.

If they don't put a heavy weight on the lid in St. Petersburg, the old thing will pretty soon make a record for itself as a flying machine.

Representative Flood will please stop complaining that not a single Virginian is in the diplomatic service. James Hayes, of Richmond, was offered the job and declined it.

The Missouri judge who refused to bar untruthful whisky advertisements from the mails knew he could not afford to make a decision that would break all records for dryness.

Representative Shirley, in deploring the political conditions in the South, says: "The personal claims of candidates become the only matters for determination." It may be noted that when "personal claims" take such forms as the mileage grab bill of the last Congress, they are soon settled.

IN THE CIRCLE OF SOCIETY

MRS. ROOSEVELT RETURNS FROM SEA

French Ambassador Invited as Guest to Richmond.

MME. AZPIROZ GOING HOME

Edwin V. Morgan Will Start for Korea During the Present Month. Other Gossip.

Mrs. Roosevelt returned to the White House at 10 o'clock yesterday morning after a Southern trip of some days. The President is now the only absent member of the White House family. The grounds about the Executive Mansion are at their best, all of the flowering trees now being in bud or blossom, while boxes of jonquills and hyacinths stand on either side of the walks over the east and west wings of the building.

M. Jusserand, the French ambassador, has been invited to attend the triennial meeting of the Virginia Society of the Cincinnati in Richmond in May as well as the banquet today. John Cropper, of this city, is president of the Virginia Cincinnati.

Mme. de Azpiroz and family will leave Washington next Saturday to accompany the body of the late ambassador to Mexico. The journey will be made by sea from Annapolis to Vera Cruz on the United States cruiser Columbia. Mme. de Azpiroz and her family, who are still at the embassy in I Street, are the recipients of much attention and sympathy from their many friends in this city. Mme. de Azpiroz will remain permanently in Mexico.

Edwin V. Morgan, the newly appointed minister to Korea, will sail for his post during the present month, and will be accompanied by Arthur Sturgis Dixey, of Boston, who has been selected as Mr. Morgan's private secretary. Mr. Dixey is well known in Boston and Lenox society, and was only recently admitted to the Boston bar.

M. Van Swinderen, the Netherlands Minister, who is now in Mexico, to which country he is accredited as well as to the United States, will return to Washington next Saturday. Mme. Van Swinderen accompanied him to Mexico.

Mrs. Elkins, who has been in New York for some days, will return to her home in this city this evening.

Graves to Live in Memphis.

Mr. and Mrs. Iverson Graves and their son, Pomeroy, who have made their home on Massachusetts avenue, in Washington, for the past five years, will soon depart for Memphis, Tenn., where they will make their future home. They have sold their house here, much to the regret of their large circle of friends, Mrs. Graves being an appreciated member of musical circles in Washington. Mr. Graves is an official of the Southern railway, and his duties have been transferred to Tennessee.

The Mt. Pleasant Cotillon Club will give its last dance at Rauscher's, F. & L., April 14.

Mr. and Mrs. William Ellis, of Philadelphia, are passing a few days in Washington, and Mrs. Beach, 1811 H Street.

Mrs. William S. Cowles has gone to Atlantic City, where it is hoped the sea air may be beneficial to her small son, Sheffield Cowles, who has been quite ill at his parents' home, on N Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon H. Reizerstein, of Mt. Vernon, N. Y., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. Harris.

Miss Stella Levy, who has been the guest of Mrs. J. J. Clark for the past five weeks, left today for a short visit to Baltimore, before she returns to her home in Savannah, Ga.

Mr. and Mrs. Sol Minster are in Atlantic City for a week's stay.

WEDDINGS SET AFTER LENT

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil D. Stockbridge have issued invitations to the wedding of their daughter, Miss Bessie Earl Stockbridge, to William H. Griffin, Saturday, at 12 o'clock, at St. Andrew's Church, this city.

Mrs. Grace Greenwood Andrews has issued invitations to the marriage of her daughter, Bessie Clarissa, to Arba Bryan Marvin, Jr., of Schenectady, N. Y.

The ceremony will take place in the apartment of the bride's mother at the Everett, on April 24, at 4 o'clock, in the presence of relatives and intimate friends, Rev. George F. Dudley, of St. Stephen's, officiating. The attendants are Miss Grace Colyer, of New York, cousin of the bride, as maid of honor, and Francis J. Seabolt, of Schenectady, as best man.

Details for the wedding of Miss Priscilla Alden Nicholson to Justin Morrill Chamberlin, set for Tuesday, April 25, at 4 o'clock, at St. Margaret's Church, are now arranged. Miss Nicholson will have as her attendant Miss Marion Parker, Miss Ruth Bowyer, Miss Louise Harrison, Miss Deborah Halsey, Miss Margaret Warfield, Miss Elizabeth Reed, Miss Gertrude Schaeffer, Miss May Phelps, and Miss Eleanor Chamberlin, the latter the sister of the bridegroom. The ceremony will be followed by a small reception. The bride is the daughter of the late Lieut. John O. Nicholson, U. S. N., and, with her mother, is occupying an apartment at the Lenox. Commander Boker, U. S. N., a lifelong friend of the late Lieutenant Nicholson, will give the bride away.

"GOOD-BY."

Some priceless pictures kept apart, Shut in from every curious eye, Kind memory stores within the heart To light the shadow of "good-by."

And oftentimes in quiet days When sad and lonely, with a sigh We lift the veil and fondly gaze On faces hid by brief "good-by."

So when "the little cloud shall fall" To hide our loved ones called on high, We'll know they are not lost at all, But smiling through their last "good-by."

—Margaret May, in the Boston Transcript.



MRS. J. H. SMALL,

The popular wife of Representative Small of North Carolina, who is endowed with all the grace of manner and mind peculiar to Southern women, and who fills her place in the official circle with credit.

JUSTICE BREWER WILL BE SPEAKER

To Speak to George Washington Association.

IN WESTINGHOUSE MANSION

Two Brilliant Dinners Are on the Social Program for This Evening.

Mr. and Mrs. George Westinghouse have offered the use of their residence on Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock to the George Washington Memorial Association, for an address by Justice Brewer, of the Supreme Court.

Mr. and Mrs. Westinghouse will have as their guests of honor at a dinner to-night, Justice and Mrs. Brewer. Last evening they entertained a dinner company composed of the French Ambassador and Mme. Jusserand, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Spencer, the Comptroller of the Currency and Miss Ridgely, Mr. and Mrs. David R. McKee, Miss Boardman, Miss Wadsworth, Major Von Etzel, and Charles Woodhall.

The German Ambassador and Baroness von Sternburg will be hosts at a dinner at the embassy to-night. Justice did not go to New York as was expected, but have passed the week's end in Washington.

Saturday evening a surprise party was given in honor of Mrs. H. G. Ellis, at her residence, 709 G Street northeast. Her many friends gave her a genuine surprise in presenting her with a beautiful candelabra. The presentation speech being made by John B. Ward in his inimitable and witty way.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Landrigan, Mr. and Mrs. William Teepe, Mr. and Mrs. Walter G. Hurley, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Ward, Mr. and Mrs. David Goumpf, Mr. and Mrs. John Major, Mr. and Mrs. John Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Boss, Mr. and Mrs. William Carver, Mr. and Mrs. Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Garren, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Spire, Mrs. Bremer, Mrs. Longacre, Clarence Longacre, Mrs. Archer, Mrs. J. B. Clarke, Miss Ella Lamb, Mr. and Mrs. George Siggers, Miss Edna Siggers, Mrs. Charles Ehlers, George H. Ellis, Miss Lottie Harding, Miss Frederica Harding, Mrs. Dominick O'Meara, Mrs. H. F. J. Drake, Mrs. Theresa Collins.

SAENGERBUND PRESENTS TWO INTERESTING PLAYS

The third theatrical performance of the season by the Washington Saengerbund was given last night in the clubhouse in C Street, when two offerings were given. These were "Eingeschlossen" (Locked In) and "Eine Berliner Schwiegermutter" (A Daughter-in-Law from Berlin). The music was in charge of William Berens, Jr.

In the interpreting casts of both performances there were some exceptionally clever people. Miss Thole made the hit of the evening by her singing and acting. She interpreted three roles in excellent style and sustained the good impression she has made in previous theatrical performances by the Saengerbund. F. A. Rocker, William Hanneemann, Mrs. Carl, Mrs. Rosenberg-Webber, Mrs. Lossau, Mr. Levy and Mr. Schultz won favor for their respective work.

President Frank Claudy presented each of the ladies with a large cluster of roses in appreciation of the work they have done this season.

On Easter Sunday the Saengerbund will celebrate its fifty-fourth anniversary and on May 7 the one hundredth anniversary of the death of the famous German poet, Schiller, will be commemorated by the society.

MARRIAGE IN RUSSIA.

In Russia every woman of the peasant class marries, or pretends to marry. If a girl comes to the decision that no one intends to ask her to marry, she leaves home, goes to some distant district and returns after a time to announce that she is a widow, that she went away to be married, and that her husband has since died. No embarrassing questions are put to her, for among the peasants it is considered bad form to mention a dead man to his widow. This curious custom goes to show in what high regard the women of Russia look upon the institution of marriage.—Pearson's Weekly.

President Wanted Frick To Enter His Cabinet

Pittsburgers Say He Declined Offer When Invited—He May Enter Politics in the State of New York.

PITTSBURG, Pa., April 10.—Friends of H. C. Frick have verified the report that he is to take up his residence in New York that he may enter national politics not later than 1906.

The story was first started when it was announced that Mr. Frick had bought a house in New York and would spend at least part of his time there. That Mr. Frick is ambitious is known to all in Pittsburgh, but it was not whispered until now that he had received an offer from Mr. Roosevelt after his last election to go into the Cabinet as head of the Treasury Department, and that Mr. Frick had refused, saying he was not ready for a plunge.

The Pittsburgh Leader, which has always been accepted as very close to Mr. Frick, announces that Mr. Frick refused the offer of a portfolio, and says further:

"Knox, the friend of Frick, left the Cabinet to go to the Senate, and Frick got a pressing invitation to enter it as Secretary of the Treasury at the beginning of the President's new term. He declined, and even after his declaration of his time in New York he was urged to take the place, but the time had not come for him to get openly into national politics or statecraft. But now that he intends to spend a good deal of his time in New York he will probably play a larger part in the affairs of the nation. Some of his friends look upon him as the coming Mark Hanna."

HOW EASTER DAY IS DETERMINED

Differences Between the Astronomical and Ecclesiastical Full Moon. Explains Difficulties.

The late arrival of Easter this year renews attention to the difference that exists between the astronomical full moon and the ecclesiastical full moon, by which the date of the festival is determined.

Archdeacon Sinclair, of London, makes this statement on the subject:

"The question is a very complicated one, and it is, therefore, impossible to go into it at full length. I will, however, give it in outline.

"There was in early times a difficulty about the correct way of reckoning Easter. The churches of the East kept it on the same day on which the Jews celebrated the Passover—the fourteenth day of the month Nisan, which month began at the new moon next to the vernal equinox. The Western churches kept it on the Sunday after the Passover.

"The Council of Nicea (325 A. D.) ordered that it should invariably be kept on the same day, with these rules: "1. That the 21st day of March should be accounted the vernal equinox.

"2. That the full moon happening upon, or next after, March 21, should be taken for the full moon of Nisan—that is, the ecclesiastical moon.

"3. That the Sunday next following should be Easter day.

"4. If the full moon happens on a Sunday, Easter Day should be the Sunday afterward.

"These full moons were determined by a cycle of the moon of nineteen years, invented by Melon the Athenian, 432 years before Christ. The years in the cycle received the name of the Golden Number.

"This system was erroneous, because the nineteen years cycle was too long, and also the Julian year, by which they reckoned, exceeds the true solar year by eleven minutes. The calendar was, therefore, corrected about 29 years after

by Dionysius Exiguus, a Roman, which correction lasted from 534 A. D. to 1582. "Then Pope Gregory XIII again reformed the calendar, and brought back the vernal equinox to March 21. This reform was introduced into England in 1582, in which year September 3 was called the 14th, and eleven days were suppressed.

"The ecclesiastical full moon still depends on March 21, being considered the vernal equinox, which, as has been shown, is liable to variation, so that the ecclesiastical moon and the astronomical moon are not always identical. "This year the actual full moon after which Easter comes is on April 20, and the previous full moon was on March 21, which is the supposed vernal equinox. This year, therefore, by the calculations of the ecclesiastical moon, Easter comes a month after the vernal equinox, or actually April 23."

GIBBONS WILL GO WITH THE PRESIDENT

WILKESBARRE, Pa., April 10.—Cardinal Gibbons will accompany President Roosevelt to this city when he comes here to address the mine-workers in August, and the cardinal also is expected to make an address. President Roosevelt has sent word that the committee may surely expect him.

ENGINEER ENDS FIFTY YEARS AT THE THROTTLE

UTICA, N. Y., April 10.—James Jacobs, a New York Central engineer, of Utica, has entered upon his fifty-first year as engineer. He has never even had a remittance. At nearly seventy years of age he is hale and rugged.

DON'TS FOR THE HOME.

Don't be afraid of a little fun at home. Don't shut your house lest the sun should fade your carpet, and your hearts lest a hearty laugh shake down some of the dusty old cobwebs there.

Therefore let the fire burn brightly at night and make the homestead delightful with all those little arts that parents so perfectly understand. Don't repress the buoyant spirits of your children; half an hour's merriment around the lamp and fireside of home bids out the remembrance of many a care and annoyance during the day, and the best safeguard they can take with them into the world is the influence of a bright little domestic sanctum.—Chicago Journal.

